



# Halfway Creek

LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Welcome to Worship!*



*2nd Sunday after Pentecost*  
*June 22, 2025—9:00 a.m.*

*Worship Leader: Rev. Bill Pursley    Worship Accompanist: Laurie Noelke*

## Order of Worship

(ELW—Evangelical Lutheran Worship—red hymnal; WOV –With One Voice—blue hymnal)

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

**Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

Gathering Song	<i>"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"</i>	ELW 523
Greeting	<b>c: And also with you.</b>	
Prayer of the Day	<b>c: Amen.</b>	
Reading	Isaiah 65:1-9	
Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"</i>	ELW 172
Gospel	Luke 8:26-39	
Sermon		
Hymn of the Day	<i>"Cast Out, O Christ"</i>	

Cast out O Christ cast far away  
the demons that destroy  
the haunting dreads that choke our souls  
the hates that stifle joy

Our raging griefs our jealous fears  
are Legion in their name  
Our shackled hearts implore your grace  
to loose our binding shame

Once long ago from Galilee  
you sailed to storm-tossed shores

And still in pow'r you brave new paths  
to breach our bolted doors

Your word breathes life and health and hope  
that break through evils thrall  
You send us strengthened, home in peace  
to live your gospel call

So come, O Christ, and cast away  
the demons that destroy  
Transform our lives to sense your love  
and spread abroad your joy

Apostles' Creed		ELW pg 105
Prayers of Intercession	God of grace, <b>hear our prayer.</b>	
Peace		
Offertory Song	<i>"For the Wholeness of the Earth "</i>	

We lift this prayer for the wholeness of the earth.  
We lift this prayer for the wholeness of the earth.  
We lift this prayer for the wholeness of the earth.  
Can you feel it rising in you?

Give thanks to God for the wholeness of the earth.  
Give thanks to God for the wholeness of the earth.  
Give thanks to God for the wholeness of the earth.  
Can you feel it rising in you?

We turn our lives to the wholeness of the earth.  
We turn our lives to the wholeness of the earth.  
We turn our lives to the wholeness of the earth.  
Can you feel it spinning in you?

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Offering Prayer	<b>c: Amen.</b>	
The Great Thanksgiving		
	<i>"Holy, Holy, Holy"</i>	ELW 473
Thanksgiving at the Table		ELW pg 153
Lord's Prayer		ELW pg 112
Invitation to Communion		

Communion Hymn	<i>"Amazing Grace"</i>	ELW 779
Post Communion Blessing	c: <b>Amen.</b>	
Prayer after Communion	c: <b>Amen.</b>	
Blessing	c: <b>Amen.</b>	
Sending Song	<i>"Will You Come and Follow Me"</i>	ELW 798
Dismissal	Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
Postlude		

## Announcements

Birthdays last week: Tyler Rosenow, Mary Gordon, Dylan Hale, Samanatha Pralle, Abbey Stasiak, Henry Barbour, Jessica Harper, Rowdy Beneke, Anna Holley, Andrew Wilson, Patti Happel, Glenn Schmidt, Benjamin Olson—these were not included in last week's bulletin. Sorry for that!! *Happy belated birthday! - Shari*

Birthdays this week: Nadine Strauss, Jack Bringe, Jameson Happel, Sami Adam

Summer Worship Time: Through August 31, we'll worship on Sundays at 9 AM.

Noisy Offering : The June noisy offering will support our Gardening Group! So far you've donated \$100.46. Let's keep making some noise!

### New outreach opportunity:

Anyone interested in getting together to send out greeting cards from the church? Come enjoy some coffee, fellowship and extend our thoughts and prayers to those on our prayer list, shut-ins and others, to help them stay connected to our church family and know that they are being thought of often. Everyone likes to get some mail! We will meet **July 8 from 11 a.m.—1 p.m.** (we'll have lunch/snacks). Please let Shari, in the office, or Bette know if you will be attending. All supplies provided.

### In Our Prayers:

We pray for friends and family of those who have passed: Dewey Crocker, Ray Cook, Charles Severson, Madilyn Vang, Jeff Rose, Ron Hanson, Rod Sutherland, Curt Nedoba, Judy Campbell, Mike Nedoba, Raymond Lee, Marie Jezova

We pray for Diane Jostad, Betty Bender, Stacey Fredricks, Robin Ruhbusch, Mike and Pat Martin, Laurie Noelke, Brooklynn Cook, Megan Sacia Ulrich, Perry Voshage, Owen Gilbertson, Kannon Happel, Marjorie Lee, Jean Latham, Bob Loper, Joan Vaughn, Bridget Ferk, Thelma Severson, Lisa Herrera Evans, Katie Wier, Phoebe Kitzke, Gayle Kuespert, Beulah Sanders, Cary Heyer, Eric Erdman, Dawson Reed, Jenny Lee, Mary Dokkebaken, Karla Johnson, Alice Fonfara, the Coats family.

## Welcome to Worship!

Thank you for being here today. We want you to feel at home when you are here at HCLC, so please remember:

### As you participate

Bolded words on the screen are for you to speak.

Even though the pastor indicates when to stand up or sit down, that is not mandatory. We do not judge when it's done differently. Move around as you need to and please worship as *your* body demands it.

### Offering

The offering is our way of showing that when we come to the table we bring ourselves as well as all we have been given by God to be blessed for service in God's world.

The offering plate is passed around during the offering song.

The cake pan is for our Noisy Offering. Each month we choose a cause to support.

Offerings can also be made through our website or by using this QR code. Thank you for the many ways you support HCLC and our mission.



## Holy Communion

**All are welcome** to the table today when communion is offered. It is not our table, but Jesus is the host. So, in this place **all** are welcome to Jesus' table.

**Pre-packaged communion kits**, regular **and gluten-free**, are available for communing in your seats or bringing them forward with you. The ushers will have them in a basket.

**Communion in the front aisle** will be baked bread and both wine and juice (the wine is red, juice is clear).

### Kids

We welcome kids to participate fully in any part of the service! You may pass the offering plate or noisy offering, and we have activity bags as you enter church.

An **AED is available** in case of an emergency. It is located just outside the sanctuary doors.

***Please join us for coffee and fellowship each week after service. Guests and members please take a moment to fill out the Welcome Card in the pew. We want to know how we can best minister to you.***

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